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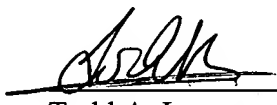
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2001 in the above-referenced case, imposing a restriction requirement with respect to Claims 1 through 36 in the application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of their previous Preliminary Amendment mailed to the U.S. PTO on September 28, 2000. Applicants' earlier-filed preliminary amendment canceled Claims 1-36 and added new claims 37-55 and would appear to obviate the Examiner's proposed restriction. An additional copy this Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

If a telephone call will help expedite any aspect of the prosecution of the instant application the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at 415-781-1989, or by facsimile at 415-398-3249.

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